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REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Charlene Albee, Director
Washoe County Health District
Air Quality Management Division
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Dear Ms. Albee:

I am pleased to concur with your determination that six exceedances of the 2015 8-hour ozone (O₃) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) at the Reno3 monitor meet the criteria for an exceptional event in the Exceptional Events Rule (EER).

The Washoe County Health District's submittals, dated November 10, 2016 and April 14, 2017, included documentation that the exceedances on August 18, 19, and 21, 2015, and July 2-4, 2016 were caused by exceptional events due to wildfire emissions. After thoroughly reviewing the information you provided, we agree that your submittals meet the demonstration criteria and the schedule and procedural requirements in the EER.

The basis for our concurrence is set forth in the enclosed technical support documents. My staff will enter concurrence flags for these data into EPA's Air Quality System (AQS) database. With EPA's concurrence on the six days, the 2016 design value for the Reno3 monitor (AQS ID: 32-031-0016) does not violate the 2015 8-hour O₃ NAAQS.

EPA's concurrence is a preliminary step in the regulatory process for actions that may rely on these data and does not constitute final Agency action. If EPA completes a notice-and-comment rulemaking for an action that is influenced by the exclusion of the O₃ data specified in this concurrence, EPA's concurrence letter and accompanying technical support documents would be included in the record as part of the technical basis for the proposed action. If we receive comments, we must consider and respond to those comments before taking final regulatory action. When EPA issues that regulatory action, it is a final Agency action subject to judicial review.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Elizabeth Adams, Acting Director of the Air Division, at (415) 972-3183.

Sincerely,


Alexis Strauss
Acting Regional Administrator

Enclosures

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